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Showing complete disregard for appeals from around the international community to abide by international law and to halt the violence, Israel, the occupying Power, continues to take actions escalating the violence and aggravating already heightened tensions, causing further destruction and deterioration of the situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In this regard, actions by the Israeli occupying forces in recent weeks have involved in particular acts of extrajudicial killings and assassinations and the seizure of Palestinian towns and cities.

Since my last letter on 30 October 2001, Israeli occupying forces have killed eight more Palestinians, six of them by targeted assassination. Today, Israeli forces using helicopters fired on a taxi in the city of Tulkarem, killilng two Palestinians, Yasser Ahmed Abu Asida and Fahmi Abu Eisha. Yesterday, 31 October, the Israeli occupying forces assassinated four Palestinians. In Al-Khalil (Hebron), occupying forces used helicopter missile fire to kill Jameel Jadallah Khalifa. Another Palestinian man, Abdallah Rashid Al-Jaroushi, was assassinated by Israeli tank fire in the city of Tulkarem. Two other Palestinians, Mohammed Merwih Ghanam and Rabie' Mohammed Ghanam, were assassinated in the town of Jabah near the city of Jenin. On that same day, two Palestinian policemen were killed by occupying forces that had incurred deep into the city of Qalqilya. Also, on Wednesday, Israeli occupying forces used tanks and helicopters to seize the Palestinian village of Arrabeh, abducting several Palestinians during that raid.

These most recent assassinations by the Israeli occupying forces constitute additional war crimes for which the Israeli Government must be held responsible. Such actions are being committed by the occupying Power in blatant violation of international law and international humanitarian law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 1949. It is imperative for the Security Council to take concrete and speedy action to address

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this very serious matter in order to prevent the further deterioration of the critical situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem.

In follow-up of our previous letters to you regarding this grave situation, dated from 29 September 2000 to 30 October 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991, A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007 and A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024), I regret to inform you that the total number of Palestinians killed by the Israeli occupying forces has risen to 742 martyrs (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 1 November 2001 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*

(Wednesday, 31 October 2001 through Thursday, 1 November 2001)

Wednesday, 31 October 2001

1. Jameel Jadallah Khalifa
2. Abdallah Rashid Al-Jaroushi
3. Mohammed Merwih Ghanam
4. Rabie' Mohammed Ghanam
5. Mohammed Jameel Abdel Fata
6. Ra'ed Al-Akhras (18 years old)

Thursday, 1 November 2001

1. Yasser Ahmed Abu Asida
2. Fahmi Abu Eisha

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 742.

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Today, shortly after midnight Palestine time, Israeli occupying forces committed yet another incursion into an area under full Palestinian control, causing death and destruction and spreading fear and terror in the dead of night. Using tanks, army personnel carriers and a bulldozer, Israeli occupying forces raided the Khan Yunis refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, killing 1 Palestinian man, Suheil Abu Saleh, and injuring 15 other people. During this incursion, the occupying forces also demolished two homes by bulldozer and seriously damaged at least seven other homes by tank and machine gun fire, leaving many Palestinian families homeless. Also, in two other violent incidents today, Israeli occupying forces wounded three people when they opened fire in Rafah in Gaza and occupying forces raided the Palestinian village of Shawawreh near Bethlehem and abducted eight Palestinians.

This latest incursion by Israel, the occupying Power, comes as its forces continue their reoccupation of parts of two Palestinian cities, Jenin and Tulkarem, which they had seized and reoccupied in recent weeks. Indeed, today, even more tanks were sent deeper into Tulkarem. Moreover, the Israeli withdrawal from the Palestinian city of Ramallah was actually followed by an intensified siege around the city, isolating it from surrounding towns and villages and causing continued hardships for the Palestinian population in the area, particularly with regard to the freedom of movement of persons and goods. This continuing problem, with its extensive and serious socio-economic ramifications, has been typical of the situation prevailing in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, as a result of the ongoing Israeli sieges and closures.

At the same time, Israeli occupying forces have continued to carry out extrajudicial killings and assassinations of Palestinians, adding to the list of war crimes committed by the occupying Power. Since my last letter to you, at least five more Palestinians have been assassinated by the occupying forces. In addition, Palestinian civilians have been killed almost daily as a result of the excessive and

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indiscriminate use of force by the Israeli army against the Palestinian people. This tragic reality is reflected in the annex to the present letter containing the names of the Palestinian martyrs killed over the past two weeks. These killings, in addition to the above-mentioned actions, represent additional war crimes and State terrorism committed by the occupying Power, for which it must be held accountable.

In follow-up of my previous 78 letters to you regarding this ongoing crisis situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 1 November 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490- S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; and A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036), I regret to inform you that since my last letter to you on 1 November, 19 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to this letter.) These killings raise the number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 761 martyrs. At the same time, the number of Palestinians injured, many critically, by the occupying forces, also continues to rise.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
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Annex to the identical letter dated 15 November 2001 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*

(Saturday, 3 November, through Thursday, 15 November 2001)

Saturday, 3 November 2001

Salah Al-Ghazaly

Sunday, 4 November 2001

Hatem Al-Showaiky

Monday, 5 November 2001

1. Abdel Nasser Jamal Hadeeb
2. Sa'eed Mahmoud Abu Shmees

Tuesday, 6 November 2001

1. Iyad Odeh Al-Khatib
2. Ali Ibrahim Abu Hijlah
3. Jamal Maloh
4. Majdy Mousa Al-Tayeb
5. Ekremah Esteetah

Wednesday, 7 November 2001

1. Mohammed Fathi Kaskeen
2. Eissa Al-Dababsah

Thursday, 8 November 2001

1. Sabri Mohammed Ghanem
2. Mousa Mohammed Abu Aya'a

Monday, 12 November 2001

1. Mohammed Yussef Hamad Rehan
2. Omar Fahs Abu Zeid
3. Ahmed Abed Abu Mustafa (13 years old)

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 761.

Tuesday, 13 November 2001

Wafaa Asa'd Mohammed Naseef

Wednesday, 14 November 2001

Mohammed Khairy Fatah Al-Zibn

Thursday, 15 November 2001

Suheil Abu Saleh

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its bloody military campaign committing additional war crimes and State terrorism against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. Overnight, Israeli occupying forces shot and injured four Palestinian policemen, captured two of them and then killed both in cold blood and mutilated their bodies. The two policemen, Mr. Medhat Izz Abu Dalal and Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim Hussein, along with the other two policemen were on patrol near their headquarters when they were shot at during an Israeli incursion into the area. After killing the two policemen, Israeli soldiers apparently had a military vehicle run over the two bodies. A Reuters witness saw the mutilated corpses and said that one of the men's heads had been nearly flattened. During the above-mentioned incursion, Israeli occupying forces also shelled a private American international school. Israeli shells punched visible holes in the building, causing damage.

Today, an Israeli undercover unit, backed by 25 uniformed soldiers, abducted Mr. Abed Rabbo Abu Koussa from his home in an overnight raid in the Shejaiyeh neighbourhood in Gaza City. Also, Israeli occupying forces committed yet another incursion into an area under full Palestinian control. Three Israeli tanks rolled more than a kilometre into the Palestinian town of Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip. This latest incursion by Israel, the occupying Power, caused widespread fear and terror to spread among the Palestinians living in the area.

In follow-up to my previous 80 letters to you regarding this ongoing crisis situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 15 November 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490- S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-

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I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Sunday, 18 November 2001 through Monday, 19 November 2001)

Sunday, 18 November 2001

1. Taher Atef Zeid Al-Killani (16 years old) (from wounds sustained on 7 November 2001)
2. Ibrahim Suliman Sa'eed

Monday, 19 November 2001

1. Medhat Izz Abu Dalal
2. Mohammed Ibrahim Hussein

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* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 765.